

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/862,688  
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Applicant: D. Mauer et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3726  
Examiner: Essama Omgba  
Title: RIVETING SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR FORMING A  
RIVETED JOINT  
Attorney Docket: 0275M-000260/DVB

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.